## Director of Instructional Technology Report to the Pittsville School District Board of Education Monday, July 11, 2022



## VoIP phone system:

- I am continuing to working with a technician assigned to our case to resolve the odd call handling issues our new system has been experiencing.
- I will be working with staff regarding the reconfiguration of extensions and any phone location issues.

## Summer and upcoming school year projects:

- Our high school student intern, Tyler Hanutke, continues to be a great asset to the IT Department via the Youth Apprenticeship program.
- Almost all of the district's currently assigned Chromebooks have been evaluated (over 480) and then repaired, updated, and cleaned as necessary.
- The inventory, configuration, and asset tag processes for the new 300 student Chromebooks and 55 teacher laptops continues.
  - o More than half of the new Chromebooks are ready for student use.
- The new district website should be "live" before the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year.
  - o Mobile device friendly, updated appearance, and improved navigation.
  - o Hoping to "go live" before the August Board of Education meeting.
    - A lot of content to move (still faster than recreating).
    - Oldest CMS4Schools website to be migrated, so the vendor is having to resolve some background coding issues.
    - Our reorganization, reconfiguration, and preparation for the release of the new website continues.
- I have submitted the request for reimbursement regarding the 150 Chromebooks purchased through Round 1 of the Emergency Connectivity Fund.
  - Once received, the district will have been reimbursed accordingly for all purchases made to-date through the ECF program (reimbursed over \$97,500 for 55 laptops and 300 Chromebooks)
  - o Reimbursement for eligible hotspots is occurring monthly via the hotspot vendors.
- On May 11, the district submitted an application for Round 3 of the Emergency Connectivity Fund seeking reimbursement for the district's current eligible hotspot service between July 1, 2022 and December 31, 2023, as well as 90 iPad tablets for our 4K and K students.
  - o I am waiting to receive our Funding Commitment Decision Letter before placing the iPad order.
- A laundry-list of items related to classroom relocations and our new staff is being and will be addressed in a feasible and timely manner.
- The next big technology projects on the horizon are cybersecurity and replacing the district's wireless access system.